



## February 18, 2009

Dr. C. Timothy Summerlin President Schreiner University 2100 Memorial Boulevard Kerrville, TX 78028

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RE:

Final Program Review Determination

OPE ID: 00361000 PRCN: 200840626762

Dear Dr. Summerlin:

The School Participation Team – Dallas issued a program review report on September 18, 2008, covering Schreiner University's (SU) compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) included in Section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). SU's final response was received on November 14, 2008.

#### Purpose:

Final determinations have been made concerning all of the outstanding findings of the program review report. The issuance of this Final Program Review Determination (FPRD) letter closes the Department's Clery Act review of SU. SU does not have any institutional financial liabilities relating to the misuse of federal funds based on this FPRD. Therefore, SU may **not** appeal this FPRD letter. The purpose of this letter is to notify SU of a possible adverse administrative action. This FPRD is being referred to the Administrative Actions and Appeals Division (AAAD) for consideration of possible adverse administrative action. Such action may include a fine, or the limitation, suspension or termination of the eligibility of the institution pursuant to 34 C.F.R. Part 668, Subpart G. If AAAD initiates any action, a separate notification will be provided which will include information on institutional appeal rights and procedures to file an appeal.

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#### Record Retention:

Program records relating to the period covered by the program review must be retained until the later of: resolution of the loans, claims or expenditures questioned in the program review; or the end of the retention period otherwise applicable to the record under 34 C.F.R. §§ 668.24(e)(1), (e)(2), and (e)(3).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Jesus Moya at (214) 661-9472.

Sincerely,

Patrick B. Kennedy Area Case Director

Enclosures

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# Schreiner University

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Prepared by: U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid School Participation Team - Dallas

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#### A. Institutional Information

Schreiner University 2100 Memorial Boulevard Kerrville, TX 78028-5697

Type: Private nonprofit

Highest Level of Offering: Master's Degree or Doctor's Degree

Accrediting Agency: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

Current Student Enrollment:

982 (Fall 2007)

% of Students Receiving Title IV:

80% (2007-2008)

Title IV Participation (source: PEPS):

		2006-2007		
Federal Pell Grant	\$	959,259		
Federal Supplemental Educational				
Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	\$	130,311		
Federal Work-Study (FWS)	\$	90,187		
Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL)	\$	5,860,910		

Default Rate FFEL:

2006 7.8% 2005 4.6% 2004 6.0%

#### B. Scope of Review

The U.S. Department of Education (the Department) received a complaint on February 21, 2008, about Schreiner University's compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), § 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The Department requested that Schreiner University respond to the issues raised in the complaint and to provide copies of certain institutional publications for the purpose of conducting an off-site review.

The focus of the Department's review was to determine Schreiner University's compliance with the Clery Act with respect to the specific issues raised in the complaint.

#### Disclaimer:

Although the review was thorough, it cannot be assumed to be all-inclusive. The absence of statements in the report concerning SU's specific practices and procedures must not be construed as acceptance, approval, or endorsement of those specific practices and procedures. Furthermore, it does not relieve SU of its obligation to comply with all of the statutory or regulatory provisions governing the Title IV, HEA programs.

#### C. Findings and Final Determinations

#### **Resolved Findings**

SU has taken the corrective actions necessary to resolve findings 2 and 3 of the program review report. Therefore, these findings are considered closed. The program violations identified in the remaining finding are discussed below.

## **Findings with Final Determinations**

## Finding 1. Failure to Accurately Report Crime Statistics - Excluded Incident

Citation: Institutions are required to publish and distribute, by October 1 of each year, an annual security report that contains required crime statistics, as well as required statements and policies, to its current students and employees. Institutions must also inform prospective students and employees of the report's availability and provide a copy upon request.

The annual security report must report crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years concerning the occurrence on campus, in or on noncampus buildings or property, and on public property of the following offenses:

- Criminal homicide (murder and nonnegligent manslaughter);
- Sex offenses (forcible sex offenses and nonforcible sex offenses);
- Robbery;
- Aggravated assault;
- Burglary;
- Motor vehicle theft;
- · Arson:
- Arrests for liquor law violations, drug law violations, and illegal weapons possession; and
- Persons not included in the above category who were referred for campus disciplinary action for liquor law violations, drug law violations, and illegal weapons possession.

34 C.F.R. § 668.46 (the implementing regulations of the The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act or Clery Act)

**Noncompliance:** Schreiner University failed to report one incident of a forcible sex offense for calendar year 2005 in its crime statistics for its October 1, 2006, and October 1, 2007, annual security reports.

The Department received a complaint on February 21, 2008, that Schreiner University had failed to include one incident of a forcible sex offense that occurred on or about January 22, 2005 in its crime statistics. One of the exhibits in the complaint was an article from The Daily Times.com dated February 1, 2007, that stated,

"[institutional official], vice president for administration and finance, oversees Schreiner's security department. After hearing of the allegations in August 2005, [institutional official] requested that the family fill out a formal complaint and provide a copy of the police report.

'Neither of these requests was ever met,' [institutional official] said in the same written statement. 'When approached by the Kerrville Police Department, we cooperated fully with their investigation.'"

On March 5, 2008, the Department requested that Schreiner University explain why the incident was excluded from its crime statistics. Schreiner University responded on March 24, 2008, that the incident was not reported because "the accuser or her parents" did not provide any details of the incident to Schreiner University. Further, Schreiner University stated that the complaint to the Department "appears to be an effort to harass and intimidate Schreiner..."

Schreiner University was informed by Kerrville Police Department in 2005 that an alleged forcible sex-offence had occurred in one of its residence halls. Although the victim and her family did not cooperate with Schreiner University by filling out a complaint form, or otherwise directly providing details to Schreiner University, this lack of cooperation did not relieve Schreiner University of its obligation to report the incident. For Clery Act purposes, an incident is considered to be reported to an institution when it is brought to the attention of campus police, security, or other campus security authority.

An institution may only exclude incidents which have been officially unfounded (i.e., a determination was made by a law enforcement authority that an incident did not occur). In this specific case, the Kerrville Police Department classified the case as "suspended." Therefore, unless the Kerrville Police Department determined that the alleged incident did not occur, Schreiner University was obligated to report the incident.

For crime statistics reporting purposes, 34 CFR § 668.46(c)(2) states that "An institution must record a crime statistic in its annual security report for the calendar year in which the crime was reported to a campus security authority." Further, it is the Department's position (per The Handbook for Campus Crime Reporting) that institutions are required to report offenses even if such information comes from calls for service, complaints or investigations.

An institution may not exclude an incident about which it is aware simply because a formal process was not properly followed. When the Kerrville Police Department contacted Schreiner University officials with responsibility over campus security about this incident in 2005, the crime statistics reporting requirement was met.

**Required Action:** Schreiner University must immediately revise its crime statistics to include the forcible sex offense that occurred in one of its residence halls on or about January 22, 2005. The forcible sex offense must be reported as a statistic for calendar year 2005 because that is the year in which Schreiner University was informed of the offense.

In addition, Schreiner University must review its information to determine if other reportable incidents were excluded because a victim or other party did not directly provide details to Schreiner University or did not follow a prescribed procedure. Schreiner University must provide this office with the results of its review.

Schreiner University must also develop and submit to this office a policy that ensures that all reportable incidents are included in its crime statistics. This policy must require that all institutional officials who fall under the definition of "campus security authority," as defined in 34 C.F.R. 668.46(a), are informed of their responsibility to notify the office responsible for compiling statistics of any and all reportable incidents.

SU's Response: SU responded that it had complied with the all the requirements of the program review report and that it had revised its crime statistics and published corrected crime data in its security web site.

**Final Determination:** SU's revised crime statistics on its website for calendar year 2005 now indicate that one forcible sex offense occurred in its on-campus residence halls. However, the Department's campus security data for SU does not reflect the correction to SU's crime statistics for the October 1, 2006, and October 1, 2007, annual security reports because 2005 calendar year data can no longer be changed by institutions.

However, an explanation of the error can be made by entering information as a caveat. SU must contact the Department's Campus Crime Help Desk at (800) 435-5985 and request that its crime statistics be amended and reflected on the Department's public website by adding the following caveat:

Line C (Sex Offenses – Forcible) should read 1 for 2005

The caveat should be added to the following areas:

Criminal Offenses – On campus – Residence Halls.

Please notify this office when the necessary caveats have been submitted to the Department.

Checklist - FPRD Review								
Responsible Reviewer: Jesus Moya Return #:								
Institution Name: Schreiner University								
OPE ID: 00361000 PRCN: 200840626762								
Date: 01/14/2009								
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	Letter is addressed to the correct person							
	Letter includes certified mail information							
	Correct standard paragraphs inc	uded						
		Report						
	Correct type of FPRD drafted (FF	PRD – No Further Action Required;						
	FPRD – Further Action Required; FPRD – No Program Review Report							
	Issued; FPRD – Closed School Loan Discharges)							
	FPRD prepared in accordance w	ith standard procedures						
	Findings and Final Determination							
	Citations are appropriate to the fi	ndings and cited correctly						
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	clearly identify the institution's re	gulatory violations						
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# DEFICIENCIES and REPAYMENTS (To Be Completed by Reviewer)

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#### Repayment Method Codes:

A = Applies Against Future Cash Request

B = Loan Discharge

C = Cash Returned to Federal Acct. at Inst.

D = Funds Paid to Direct Loan Origination

E = Liability Established as an ED Finance Accounts Receivable

F = Funds to Servicing Center

L = Not Required to Pay Assessed Liability Amt. <\$1000.

M = Not Required - Duplicated Liability

N = Check to NDSL/Perkins Acct. at Inst.

R = Repayment to FFEL Lender

S = Repayment to Student

T = Fine To Treasury

\*\* Note: Case teams will enter Fine data. Case teams should coordinate the entry of Fine data with their AAA adjunct.

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Team Leader Date 9 /18 /08 Comments:	Area Case Director Date
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